कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरुन्विद नेताम) : (क) और (ख) आम, लीची, नींबू वर्गीय, अमरूद, केला, आंवला, टमाटर, आलू, मटर, लहसुन खुम्भी, फूलों आदि की पहचान के लिये अभिवृद्धि वाले क्षेत्रों के रुप में की गई है।

(ग) बीजों/उन्नत किस्मों की रोपण सामग्री में गुणात्मक वृद्धि करके, विद्यमान पौध रोपण की उत्पादकता में सुधार करके, कृषकों के प्रशिक्षण, फसल कटाई पश्चात के रख-रखाव हेतु बुनियादी सुविधाओं के विकास तथा उत्पादों के विपणन के लिए केन्द्रीय प्रायोजित योजनाओं के माध्यम से पर्याप्त सहायता उपलब्ध कराई जा रही है।

Growth of poultry industry

4049. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken and achievements made by Government on the growth of poultry industry in the country;

(b) the target fixed for 8th Plan for the growth of poultry industry;

(c) the problems faced by poultry sector and the steps taken to resolve them;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to involve the rural people in the poultry industry; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) The following major steps have been taken for the growth of the poultry industry:—

(i) Increasing the availability of quality chicks to poultry farmers.

(ii) Organisaiton of poultry units on cooperative basis.

(iii) Improved training facilities.

Egg production in 1993-94 was of the order of 23.7 billion. The target of egg production for the VII Plan is 30.00 billion.

(d) and (e) Poultry is one of the eligible activities for subsidy to small and marginal farmers, agricultural labours and rural artisans under the Integrated Rural Development Programmes, Government have also approved a scheme for the establishment of poultry complexes in the State of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Sikkim, Uttar Pradseh and West Bengal where poultry development is comparatively poor.

Adverse effects on production of foodgrains

4050. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that production of foodgrains has been adversely affected in the absence of (i) credit facilities for farmers on reasonable terms (ii) crop insurance and (iii) in road dairy products based indudstry;

(b) whether Government have received any representation from the Chairman of "Farmers Parliamentary Forum" highlighting the difficulties faced by farmers; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) According to information available, foodgrains production and milk production in the country in the last five vears has increased. Adequate credit facilities and crop insurance cover are available to the farmers.

(b) and (c) A representation has been received from Farmers Parliamentary Forum in March, 1994. The main points on which the representation has been made include:—

(i) Enhancement of fertilizer subsidy from Rs. 4,000/- to Rs. 7,000/- crores.